

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-20 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1-11 and 19 are cancelled. New claims 21-27 are added. Therefore, claims 12-18 and 20-27 are presented for consideration.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 19 and 20. In reliance thereon, claim 12 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 19. In addition, claims 12 and 20 are combined as new claim 21. The subject matter of claims 13-18 is rewritten as claims 22-27 dependent from new claim 21. The new claims are directed to subject matter previously presented and do not raise a new issue.

Cancelling claims 1-11 and rewriting allowable claims 19 and 20 in independent form with the remaining claims depending therefrom is believed to render moot the rejection of claims 1-8 over GUPTA et al. 4,651,728 in view of HAMLIN 4,960,119, the rejection of claims 9-12 over the same combination of references and the rejection of claims 12-18 over GUPTA et al. in view of HAMLIN and further in view of LEVINE 4,481,945.

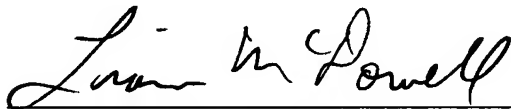
Since the claims remaining in the application are directed to allowable subject matter or depend from an allowable

claim and since there are believed no outstanding formal matters, the application is believed in condition for allowance. An early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Liam McDowell", is written over a horizontal line.

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